

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

ONIONS IN NEW ENGLAND.

By George Frink.

The greatest drag on New England in the New England indisposition to think well of itself—the old New Englanders, I mean, who have been bred to believe that the section is about the most unpromising on the face of the earth. They cannot seem to become reconciled to the idea of real prosperity. They are hanging onto the few dollars their grandfathers left for their fathers, and their fathers did not spend. Your genuine old-time New Englander grew prosperous, such prosperity as it was, through not spending rather than through earning and saving. Real saving is putting aside some portion of one's earnings. Accumulating through not spending is different, and has a different effect upon people. It is keeping money that by rights ought to be paid to others for the comfort and decencies of life.

A peach farm was not yielding what it should and when about discouraged the owner called an expert from the Massachusetts state college at Amherst. The professor arrived at the peach farm, got his good dinner, and went out to view the peach land over. He looked about, tapped some of the rocks with his little hammer (there were but very few stones within reach) and took up a handful of the soil, letting it slip through his fingers slowly, and rubbing it between his thumb and palm as it went. This he did in several sections of the orchard, and then said to the farmer, abruptly:

"Silt, loamy silt, or silty loam, as you like. Just what I expected to find. Just what I knew was here. I did not dare to tell you in Amherst, for I knew you were one of the New England Doubting Thomases. You would not have believed me there. Now, you get busy and pull up those peach trees and put this land into onions!"

The farmer's mouth hung open. He stared. He gasped and swallowed. Finally he burst out: "What! Pull up those fine young peach trees! They have not yet given a crop. They are just ready to bear. They have cost me a heap of money. Pull 'em up? You must be crazy."

"But you must pull them up. They will never bear paying crops. You see, this land is ideal onion land. It is just that peculiar composition of silt and loam that onions require. Why, if you put in onions here—"

And then followed a keen lecture on onion culture, and finally the professor betook himself again to Amherst, almost persuaded that the peach man would cling to his peaches. But he did not altogether. He took his exchange in his hands and pulled up about quarter of the peach trees, and planted onions. I have forgotten just how many acres there was in this first year's onion patch, but the man said he paid the peach man \$1,000 for the crop the first year; and that all of the peach trees were pulled up the next year.

There are hundreds of acres of the best kind of onion land in different parts of New England upon which anywhere from 100 to 600 bushels per acre can be raised, depending upon the land but more upon the man. They can be sold for about 50 cents a bushel. I have heard of crops as large as 1,000 bushels to the acre, which would mean \$500 an acre. The soil should be three-fourths silt, and the other fourth chiefly a good black loam. There should be a little sand, and if there is clay underlying too much the

better as there needs to be a lot of water and clay keeps the water up where the plants can get it. Onion raising is good business. The crop is pretty dependable, and there is always a good market. There are something like 14,000,000 bushels annually raised in the United States, 1,000,000 in New England, where there are about 2,500 acres planted with the delicate bulbs each year.

CURE FOR RESTLESS HENS.

Tip for Poultry Raisers on How to Keep Stock Contented.

A hungry hen is not a contented hen. I have seen flocks that one would think at first sight were a healthy, energetic bunch, but close observation soon showed they were rather a hungry bunch, a writer in Farm and Fireside states. Not just a little hungry, but very hungry.

A flock that is fed at any old time is not a contented flock. If the hens are fed at a certain time every day they will go about their business with contentment, scratching, dusting, laying, sunning themselves, but never standing around as near the direction of the feed comes from as they can get, and clamoring for something to eat, probably eating but little when they get it. They will get the "pecking habit" just the same as the children if you teach it to them, and the habit does not make for contentment.

An invidious method of turning the flock out to graze is another very common cause of discontent. If you let them out all day one day and keep them shut up the next, you will have a pretty serious case of restlessness the second day. In fact, it will take them a week to get over their unrest and become satisfied with their lot. If you select a certain hour in the evening and let them out regularly at that hour you will have no trouble. In a few days you might go into the lot almost any time in the day and they would never make any attempt to get out, but when that hour arrives you will find them all eager and, if you open the door they are coming out or know the reason why.

POTATO BLIGHT.

Spray with Bordeaux Mixture to Avoid This Bad Pest.

Potato growers who are not spraying with bordeaux mixture are very likely this season, if the weather is like that of the past two weeks, to be seriously affected with the late blight. The workers of the league have found that many are using material to kill the bugs but are not spraying with a fungicide to eliminate as much as possible the attacks of the fungus causing the blight.

Every grower should spray with the bordeaux either made at home by mixing four pounds of copper sulphate, four pounds of caustic lime slaked and these reduced with 50 gallons of water, or that which can be obtained in the market ready to be reduced. This material should be applied every 10 days to two weeks.

Frequently it is possible to see fields of potatoes that are killed altogether too much. With soil conditions that are common in this country, such treatment may cause the field to suffer severely from the effect of drought. Probably the killing will prevent many potatoes from becoming unburned, as well as aid in covering up weeds in the row. On the other hand, it will cause a much heavier loss of water, which is surely to be needed during July and August, so that it will result in a smaller yield of potatoes. Therefore, with our light soil it would seem folly to do such extreme killing as is so often seen. Plant the seed deep and practice level cultivation until the last when slight hilling may be desirable.

This same principle applies to corn and tomatoes which the volunteers have in their gardens.

PLOW OAT LAND.

Bare Land Will Lose Much Moisture by Evaporation.

The oats will soon be cut and the fields left bare unless they were seeded in the spring. Many are planning

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to follow the oat crop with some sowing or cover crop or possibly they will seed in August to grass. It is a well-known fact that bare land left hard and uncultivated will lose a large amount of moisture by evaporation. To prevent this, one should plow or harrow the fields immediately after the harvesting of the oats, and cultivate frequently every week or 10 days. Those who are planning to seed down any of their fields, whether oats or sod land, will obtain a better seed bed if the plowing is done immediately, or after a good rain following the cutting of the hay.

CUT HAY AT PROPER SEASON.

Much Value is Lost if Crop is Allowed to Stand Too Long.

Much of the value of hay is lost each season by allowing it to stand altogether too long. Where large areas are cut, some must be cut too early or too late, possibly both, but since the palatability as well as the digestibility is lessened, over-ripeness should be eliminated as much as possible.

Henry of Wisconsin gives the following figures as to the digestibility of the early and late cuttings, the figures being in percentage:

	Dry Matter	Carbohydrates
Timothy—		
Cut in bloom...	60	56
Soon after bloom...	53	45
Red Clover—		
Cut in bloom...	61	62
Late in bloom...	55	53

Thus it is seen that there is considerable loss in dry matter and especially the protein. The blossoming period is evidently the best period at which to cut.

CHANGE THIS WEEK IN TEN LEADING PENS

Brantford Farm of Groton Gets a Place in Egg Laying Contest.

The end of the thirty-third week of the laying contest at Storrs brings Tom Barron's White Wyandottes with one egg of the 1500 egg mark. It also brings nine more pens including Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, and Leghorns across the 1000 egg mark with several others close at hand.

Another interesting feature of the week is the changes in the ten leading pens. P. G. Platt of Wallingford, Pa., moved up one place and Brantford Farm of Groton, Conn., won a place among the leaders. In the ten leading Connecticut pens T. W. Moore, Central Village, Conn., and C. H. Savage of Storrs have crowded out D. J. Wallingford.

The honors for the week were all

won by Leghorns. P. G. Platt of Wallingford, Pa., wins first with a yield of 57 eggs. Charles H. Platt of Rocky River, Ohio, wins second with a yield of 55 while Tom Barron's pen is a close third with 54 eggs to their credit, a very remarkable production after their record of 63 eggs for last week. The total production for the thirty-third week is 3075 eggs or 67 eggs less than the preceding week.

The egg production of a great many flocks of hens will drop about this season of the year due to the lack of succulent green food. Even though there are some weeds and grass in the yards it does not seem to appeal to the hens as did the soft tender grass of early spring. To supplement this want there is now at the contest plant ready for feeding one-tenth acre of Dwarf Essex Rape and one-fifth-acre of Swiss Chard. These two plants make ideal green food for poultry, the Dwarf Essex Rape being ready to harvest in about six weeks from seed can be cut just about the central leaf bud several times and will produce an abundance of crisp green leaves. The Swiss Chard is ready to cut in about ten days and will continue to produce an abundance of succulent food until cold weather. Both of these plants are hardy and will stand frost. Where hens have large yards with some grass sown the difficulty may be experienced in teaching them to eat this form of green food; this however can be overcome by small feeds at regular intervals and where yards are bare it will be devoured ravenously and will make a wonderful difference in the egg record during the summer and fall months.

The ten leading pens to date are as follows: Tom Barron, Catforth, England, White Wyandottes 1499; Francis E. Lincoln, Mt. Carmel, White Leghorns 1466; Merrythought Farm, Columbia, Conn., White Wyandottes 1342; Tom Barron, Catforth, England, White Leghorns 1297; Brantford Farm, Groton, Conn., White Leghorns 1194; D. J. Wallingford, Pa., White Leghorns 1297; Brantford Farm, Groton, Conn., White Leghorns 1194; D. J. Wallingford, Pa., White Leghorns 1297; Brantford Farm, Groton, Conn., White Leghorns 1194; D. J. Wallingford, Pa., White Leghorns 1297.

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NEW FAIRFIELD'S TAX COLLECTOR IS SUED.

An Alleged Shortage of \$13,000 in the Town's Funds.

New Fairfield, Conn., July 15.—As a result of an alleged and unexplained shortage of \$13,000 in the town's funds, three suits for aggregate damages of \$13,000 have been brought against Tax Collector Charles Gorham by three towns and papers and suits were filed today in the superior court in Bridgeport. Isaac Knapp and Henry Backer, who were bondsmen for Gorham, are named as co-defendants. Fifteen pieces of property owned by Gorham have been attached. The town claims that before June 1, 1910, the collector wrongfully appropriated to his own use \$5,000 which had been paid in taxes. In 1911 he is alleged to have taken \$4,000 and in 1912 the same amount.

Separate suits are brought to cover the alleged shortage in each of these three years. Gorham says there is some mistake and denies any wrongdoing. The suits are returnable to the September term of court.

OVERTURNED BOAT TELLS OF TRAGEDY.

Three Young Lives Lost by Drowning in Saratoga Lake.

Saratoga, N. Y., July 15.—An overturned boat, a boy's hat and a pair of cars, found this afternoon in Saratoga lake, gave mute testimony to a tragedy which is believed to have cost three lives. The last occupants of the boat, Arthur Finney, 18, of Schenectady, and Ethel and Charlotte Helmburg, 18 and 19, of Troy, have been missing since last night from the summer hotel where they stayed. Tonight a score of boating parties sought their bodies in the lake. The girls and their escort left the east side of the lake early last night intent on a row across the water to a park a mile away. It is thought that they attempted to change seats in the darkness and thus upset the boat.

OBITUARY.

Henry G. Miller.

Hartford, Conn., July 15.—Henry G. Miller of Glastonbury, 77 years of age, a member of the general assembly for that town in 1875, died at the Hartford hospital today. His right foot was amputated for gangrene Monday. He was a farmer and had been a selectman in Glastonbury several years. He was a Mason and a Veteran.

Certificate of Incorporation Filed.

Hartford, Conn., July 15.—The Tuxedo Mills, incorporated of New Hartford, has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of incorporation; capital \$100,000. The incorporators are Philip S. Ketchum, Daniel J. Lyne and Lucius P. Robinson. The company will engage in the manufacture of netings.

Huerta's Resignation Accepted by 121 to 17

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practical step toward a quick solution of the Mexican problem. Constitutionalists, diplomats and officials of the United States government did not conceal their satisfaction over the fact that General Huerta had at last voluntarily eliminated himself from the situation and pointed the way to an era of peace in his country.

Although the constitutionalists have declared they would not recognize Francisco Carranza as provisional president any more than they did his predecessor, and the United States government likewise will refuse to recognize him, the understanding here is that the new executive will hold office for only a short term—until satisfactory arrangements can be made for the endorsement of General Carranza, the constitutional chief.

General Amnesty Desired.

From diplomats in close touch with the situation, it was learned that Mr. Carranza and those who are associated with him in an effort to restore peace in Mexico desire only a general amnesty be declared, conserving the lives and property of those who supported Huerta. After this is obtained the peaceful entry into Mexico of capital of constitutional troops will be negotiated.

General Huerta's retirement came just as the constitutionalists were preparing their formal protest against South American mediators, rejecting the invitation for informal conferences with representatives of Huerta for the discussion of internal Mexican questions. While the constitutionalists are averse to holding conferences which might recognize the legality of Carranza's position as provisional president, hopes were raised today among South American diplomats that nevertheless negotiations might be begun between representatives of Carranza and Carranza for the speedy transfer of power to the constitutionalists.

Same Envoy Will Act.

It is virtually certain that Emilio Rabas, Augustin Rodriguez and Luis Figueroa, who represented Huerta at the Niagara Falls mediation, will be designated by Carranza to look after his interests in this country. That the mediators now will make another effort to bring the two factions into conference is considered very likely. General Carranza, in the opinion of the mediators, would profit greatly by entering into such conferences. By doing so he might guarantee himself immediate recognition by the United States and Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Under the terms of the protocols signed at Niagara Falls, the United States promised to recognize any government set up by agreement between the two Mexican factions without waiting for an election. The agreement between the two principal elements would be taken as tantamount to an expression of the will of the Mexican people. Should Carranza refuse to deal with the Carranza government and insist on taking Mexico City by force, for instance, the Carranza government there, recognition probably would be deferred until an election was held.

Trying to Persuade Carranza to Confer.

Renewed efforts are being made by constitutionalists here to persuade Carranza to enter conferences with Carranza. Carranza's objections hitherto have been that he could not agree to any compromise provisional president, but must insist on the plan of Guadalupe. Many diplomats here think Carranza would accept the plan of Guadalupe, which calls for the establishment of Carranza as provisional president, provided ample guarantees for life and property were given.

May Ask Immunity for Huerta.

It is believed in some quarters here that Carranza may make an effort to have Huerta given immunity from arrest if he says in Mexico City. The Huerta delegates in New York have tried to secure guarantees for him, but even if given, friends of the dictator think he would be safest out of the country. It is thought he will not depart the several days, at least, preparing to offer his services to Carranza in the field if a final rally of federal troops is made against the constitutionalists.

Culmination of a Year's Effort by U. S.

Huerta's resignation marks the culmination of more than a year's active effort on the part of the United States government to force his retirement. John Lind was sent to Mexico last summer in an effort to bring about the withdrawal of Huerta. President Wilson later went to congress and revealed the terms on which Huerta had virtually been asked to retire from office. An embargo on arms was placed on both Mexican factions, and the Washington government then began its policy of cutting off financial aid for the Huerta government, not only from the United States, but from Europe. Huerta's resources slowly diminished under the pressure of the United States. The constitutionalists, aided by the moral support of the American government, pushed their military campaign to within striking distance of the capital. Realizing that a military conquest of Mexico City by the constitutionalists was inevitable, General Huerta finally has yielded to the persuasions of the hundreds of influential Mexicans who prayed that further bloodshed and disturbances at Mexico City be avoided.

Constitutionalists Feel Triumphant.

With Huerta's retirement, the constitutionalists feel that their revolution has virtually triumphed. They

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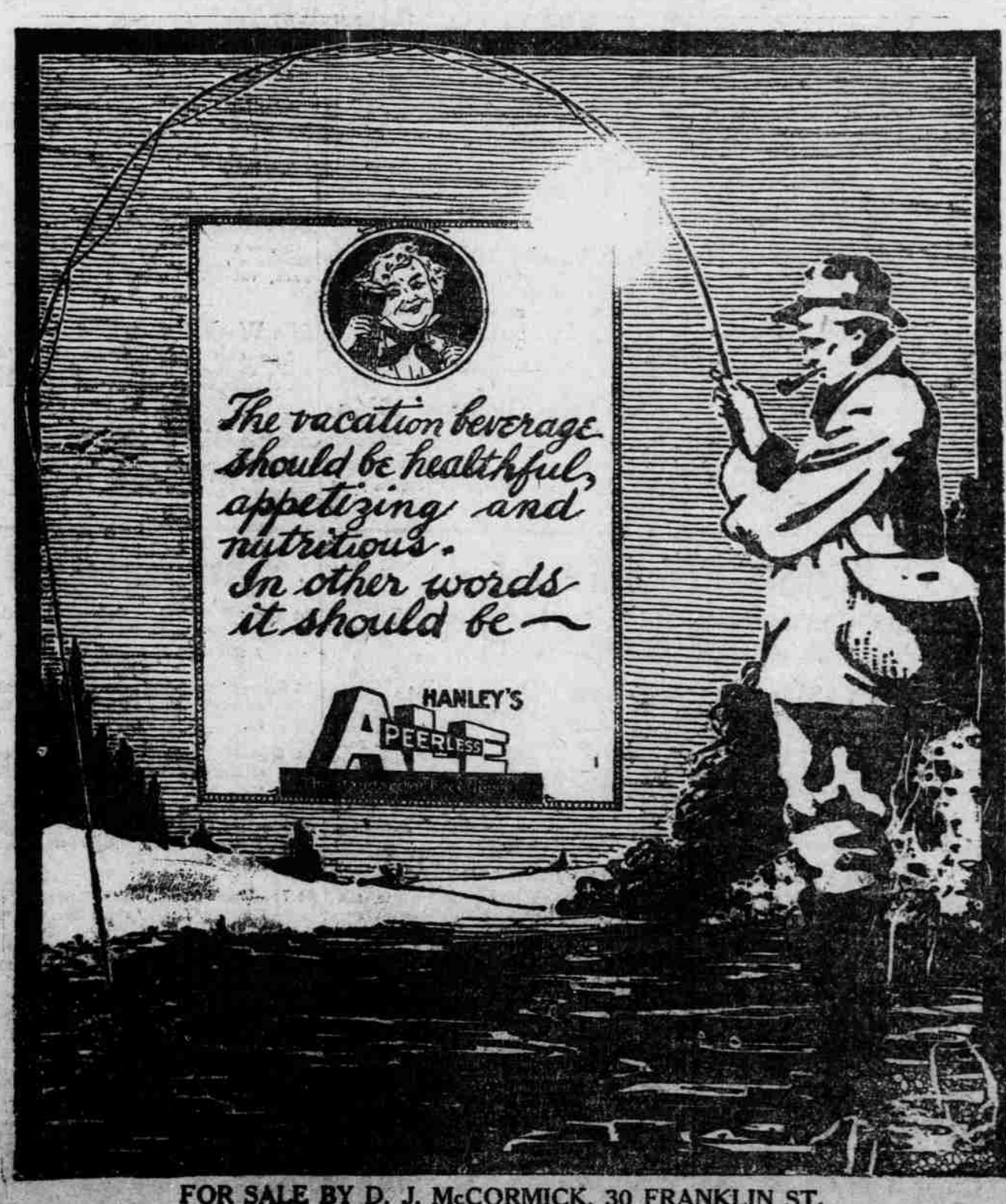
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